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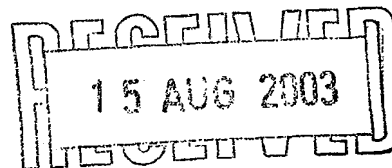
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- ☐ the declaration under Rule 45 EPC
- ☐ the partial European search report under Rule 45 EPC
- ☐ the supplementary European search report concerning the international application under Article 157(2) EPC relating to the above-mentioned European patent application. Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.

The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division :

- ☒ Abstract
- ☒ Title
- ☐ Figure

- ☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.
- ☐ The following figure will be published with the abstract, since the Search Division considers that it better characterises the invention than the one indicated by the applicant.

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- ☐ Additional copy(copies) of the documents cited in the European search report.

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

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- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

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- 1-8, 14-16, 21, 22, 25-27



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-8, 14-16, 21, 22, 25-27

a method of regulating gene expression in a transgenic plant, a method for altering the development of an organism, and a method for altering a biochemical, physiological or developmental pathway of an organism, wherein chimeric nucleotide sequences comprising a regulatory element in operative association with a nucleotide sequence encoding histone deacetylase and a DNA binding protein are used

2. Claims: 9-13,
17-20 (all partially and in so far as applicable)

isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding a histone deacetylase represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, vectors containing said nucleic acid, the isolated protein encoded by said nucleic acid, plants transformed with constructs containing said nucleic acid

3. Claims: 9-13,
17-20 (all partially and in so far as applicable)

isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding a histone deacetylase represented by SEQ ID NO: 3, vectors containing said nucleic acid, the isolated protein encoded by said nucleic acid, plants transformed with constructs containing said nucleic acid

4. Claims: 9-13,
17-20 (all partially and in so far as applicable)

isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding a histone deacetylase represented by SEQ ID NO: 5, vectors containing said nucleic acid, the isolated protein encoded by said nucleic acid, plants transformed with constructs containing said nucleic acid

5. Claims: 9-13,
17-20 (all partially and in so far as applicable)

isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding a histone deacetylase represented by SEQ ID NO: 7, vectors containing said nucleic acid, the isolated protein encoded by said



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nucleic acid, plants transformed with constructs containing
said nucleic acid

6. Claims: 23, 24, 28

a method to identify a DNA binding protein



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